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TALLIES OF CIVILIAN DEATHS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE 11
SEPTEMBER 1973 coup D'ETAT AND THE SUBSEQUENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS
ARE INACCURATE, SINCE THEY REFLECT ONLY THE DEATHS OF PERSONS

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WHO ARE "PROCESSED" THROUGH THE HOSPITALS OR FIRST AID STATIONS, THEN GIVEN DEATH CERTIFICATES. THE DEATHS OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF PERSONS KILLED IN CLEANUP OPERATIONS AGAINST EXTREMISTS, INCLUDING EXECUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS BEARING ARMS AND RESISTING, ARE NOT RECORDED.

2. AN UNOFFICIAL SYSTEM OF REPORTING THESE DEATHS EXISTS, CONSISTING OF VERBAL REPORTS TO THE VARIOUS REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY CONTINUE THROUGH THE CHAIN OF COMMAND TO THE MILITARY JUNTA. HOWEVER, THESE FIGURES WILL NOT BE RECORDED AND, THEREFORE, THERE WILL NEVER BE AN ACCURATE TALLY OF THE TOTAL DEATHS. ONLY THE JUNTA MEMBERS WILL HAVE A REALLY CLEAR IDEA OF THE CORRECT DEATH FIGURES, WHICH THEY WILL PROBABLY KEEP SECRET. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] REPORTED DEATH FIGURES FROM 2,000 TO 10,000, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY ADMITS TO 244 AS OF 23 SEPTEMBER. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] THAT THE ARMED FORCES ARE QUIETLY CALLING UP ALL OF THE MILITARY CONSCRIPTS WHO SERVED THEIR ONE-YEAR DUTY TOUR IN 1973. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACTION IS

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TO (A) RELIEVE THE ACTIVE-DUTY TROOPS WHO HAVE BEEN ON GRADE
ONE ALERT SINCE 10 SEPTEMBER AND (B) TO REINFORCE CURRENT FORCES
INVOLVED IN THE ACTIONS AGAINST EXTREMISTS THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY.

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